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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Nuisances. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 26, 1915.)

RULE 1. Whatever is dangerous to human life or health; whatever building or part of cellar thereof is overcrowded or not provided with adequate means of ingress or egress, or is not sufficiently supported, ventilated, sewered, drained, lighted, or cleaned; and whatever renders soil, air, water, ice, or food impure or unwholesome is declared to be a nuisance and to be illegal; and every person, or firm, or corporation having aided in creating or contributing to the same, or that may support, continue, or retain any of them shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this regulation and liable to the penalties provided by the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth for violation of such regulations as the board of health judges necessary to make for the preservation of the public health and safety, and shall also be liable for the expense of the abatement or remedy required.

Privies and Cesspools—Location, Construction, and Removal of Contents. Sewers—Connections With. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 26, 1915.)

RULE 2. Every building in said city shall, when deemed necessary by the board of health, be furnished with sufficient drain, underground, into a common sewer or reservoir; and also with suitable water-closets or with a privy, the vault of which shall be so constructed that the inside of the same shall be at least 3 feet from the line of any adjoining lot, unless the owner of such lot shall consent or agree otherwise, and also 3 feet from every street, lane, passageway, or public place; and every such vault or privy shall be built of brick or stone laid in cement and in such a manner that its contents may be readily removed.

RULE 3. No privy, cesspool, or vault shall be opened in any manner or at any time other than at such time and in such manner as the board of health may direct; and no person shall remove or carry through any public street, highway, or square of the city, contents of any privy or vault, unless the person removing the same, and the cart, wagon, or other conveyance in which the same is carried shall be licensed for such person by the board of health. All such vaults shall be thoroughly cleaned out and the contents thereof removed to the city dump, once each year, and oftener if the board of health so directs.

Sewage—Disposal of, so as to Prevent Contamination of Water Used for Domestic Purposes. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 26, 1915.)

RULE 4. No drain not water-tight which carries or contains sewage, shall be allowed to pass within 20 feet of any well or other source of water used for domestic purposes, and no person shall allow any pool of stagnant water to be and remain upon his premises after notice to remove the same by the board of health.

Sewage shall be construed to mean liquid waste from whatever source which contains offensive or injurious matter.

RULE 5. No person shall permit the drainage of any building to enter any pond or stream within the limits of the city of Pittsfield without permission of the board of health.